

# **MINUTES**

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
CITY OF BRANSON, MISSOURI  
April 28, 2015**

## **INTRODUCTORY**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Branson, Missouri, met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the City Hall on April 28, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Best called the meeting to order with the "Pledge of Allegiance" and Garrett Anderson gave the invocation.

## **ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Westfall called roll: Mayor Best presiding, Mike Booth, Cris Bohinc, Bob Simmons, Patrick Parnell, Rick Todd and Rick Davis.

Also present from the City were: City Administrator Bill Malinen, City Clerk Lisa Westfall, City Attorney William Duston, Public Works Director and City Engineer David Miller, IT Director Chad Forster, Police Chief Kent Crutcher, Parks and Recreation Director Cindy Shook, Economic Development Director Garrett Anderson, Planning and Development Director Joel Hornickel, Fire Chief Ted Martin and Human Resources Director Jan Fischer.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Best began the Public Comments section of the Board of Aldermen meeting by stating the Board would hear citizens that signed the Speaker's Sheet in the order they are listed on the sheet.

There were no speakers this evening.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Best asked if there were any citizens that had any items they wished to have removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Nathan Carter, 185 Walker Road, Branson, Missouri, requested Item Number 7 and Item Number 8 be removed from the Consent Agenda. Alderman Davis requested the items be placed as the first and second items on the Regular Agenda. Mayor Best asked if any member of the Board had any items they wished to have removed from the Consent Agenda. Hearing none, Mayor Best asked City Clerk Westfall to read the items on the Consent Agenda as amended. City Clerk Westfall read the following Consent Agenda items by title.

Approval of Board of Aldermen Minutes:

- a) April 9, 2015 Study Session
- b) April 14, 2015 Regular Meeting I
- c) April 14, 2015 Regular Meeting II

Acknowledge Receipt of Minutes:

- a) Capital Improvement Committee meeting of February 5, 2015
- b) Human Resources Committee meeting of March 13, 2015

**BILL NO. 4725**

**Ord. No. 2015-0039**

**Approving a Municipal Electric Service Agreement (MESA) with the Empire District Electric Company.**

Final Reading of Bill No. 4725, an ordinance approving a Municipal Electric Service Agreement (MESA) with the Empire District Electric Company and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Westfall. Voting aye: Booth, Bohinc, Simmons, Parnell, Todd and Davis. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2015-0039 was duly enacted.

**BILL NO. 4726**

**Ord. No. 2015-0040**

**Granting a Utility Easement for Electrical Transmission and Distribution and Joint Communication to the Empire District Electric Company.**

Final Reading of Bill No. 4726, an ordinance granting a Utility Easement for Electrical Transmission and Distribution and Joint Communication to the Empire District Electric Company was read by title by City Clerk Westfall. Voting aye: Booth, Bohinc, Simmons, Parnell, Todd and Davis. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2015-0040 was duly enacted.

**BILL NO. 4727**

**Ord. No. 2015-0041**

**Approving a Labor and Materials Reimbursement Agreement between Fogle Enterprises, Inc. and the City of Branson relating to the 76 Country Boulevard Complete Streets Project.**

Final Reading of Bill No. 4727, an ordinance approving a Labor and Materials Reimbursement Agreement between Fogle Enterprises, Inc. and the City of Branson relating to the 76 Country Boulevard Complete Streets Project and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Westfall. Voting aye: Booth, Bohinc, Simmons, Parnell, Todd and Davis. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2015-0041 was duly enacted.

**BILL NO. 4728**

**Ord. No. 2015-0042**

**Accepting the proposal of Navistar, Inc. pertaining to the purchase of a dump truck.**

Final Reading of Bill No. 4728, an ordinance accepting the proposal of Navistar, Inc. pertaining to the purchase of a dump truck and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Westfall. Voting aye: Booth, Bohinc, Simmons, Parnell, Todd and Davis. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2015-0042 was duly enacted.

**BILL NO. 4731**

**Ord. No. 2015-0045**

**Accepting the proposal of Spencer Fane Britt and Browne LLP for consulting services pertaining to updating the City of Branson's Zoning Code.**

Final Reading of Bill No. 4731, an ordinance accepting the proposal of Spencer Fane Britt and Browne LLP for consulting services pertaining to updating the City of Branson's Zoning Code and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Westfall. Voting aye: Booth, Bohinc, Simmons, Parnell, Todd and Davis. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2015-0045 was duly enacted.

**BILL NO. 4732**  
**Ord. No. 2015-0046**

**Accepting the proposal of Altom Construction Co., LLC pertaining to the construction of a new gravity sewer main and removal of Sewer Lift Station No. 19.**

Final Reading of Bill No. 4732, an ordinance accepting the proposal of Altom Construction Co., LLC pertaining to the construction of a new gravity sewer main and removal of Sewer Lift Station No. 19 and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Westfall. Voting aye: Booth, Bohinc, Simmons, Parnell, Todd and Davis. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2015-0046 was duly enacted.

**BILL NO. 4733**  
**Ord. No. 2015-0047**

**Amending the adopted 2015 Budget for the City of Branson, to adjust monies for the general fund.**

Final Reading of Bill No. 4733, an ordinance amending the adopted 2015 Budget for the City of Branson, to adjust monies for the general fund was read by title by City Clerk Westfall. Voting aye: Booth, Bohinc, Simmons, Parnell, Todd and Davis. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2015-0047 was duly enacted.

**BILL NO. 4734**  
**Ord. No. 2015-0048**

**Amending the contract with Gulf States Distributor to purchase ammunition.**

Final Reading of Bill No. 4734, an ordinance amending the contract with Gulf States Distributor to purchase ammunition and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Westfall. Voting aye: Booth, Bohinc, Simmons, Parnell, Todd and Davis. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2015-0048 was duly enacted.

Mayor Best opened the floor for a motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda as amended. Alderman Bohinc moved to approve, seconded by Alderman Davis. Voting aye: Booth, Bohinc, Simmons, Parnell, Todd and Davis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

**BILL NO. 4729**  
**Ord. No. 2015-0043**

**Accepting the proposal of Republic Ford, Inc. pertaining to the purchase of a 2015 Ford Truck and a 2016 Ford Explorer.**

Final Reading of Bill No. 4729, an ordinance accepting the proposal of Republic Ford, Inc. pertaining to the purchase of a 2015 Ford Truck and a 2016 Ford Explorer and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Westfall. Mayor Best asked for a motion approving Bill No. 4729. Alderman Parnell moved to approve seconded by Alderman Booth. Mayor Best asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter.

Nathan Carter, 185 Walker Road, Branson, Missouri, inquired where the vehicles were being purchased from.

Mayor Best asked for comments from the Board. No discussion. Voting aye: Booth, Bohinc, Simmons, Parnell, Todd and Davis. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2015-0043 was duly enacted.

**BILL NO. 4730**  
**Ord. No. 2015-0044**

**Accepting the proposal of Putnam Chevrolet Pontiac, Inc. pertaining to the purchase of two 2015 cab and chassis vehicles.**

Final Reading of Bill No. 4730, an ordinance accepting the proposal of Putnam Chevrolet Pontiac, Inc. pertaining to the purchase of two 2015 cab and chassis vehicles and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Westfall. Mayor Best asked for a motion approving Bill No. 4730. Alderman Booth moved to approve, seconded by Alderman Bohinc. Mayor Best asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Best asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Voting aye: Booth, Bohinc, Simmons, Parnell, Todd and Davis. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2015-0044 was duly enacted.

**BILL NO. 4720**  
**SUBSTITUTED**

**Approving the form of and authorizing the execution of a first amendment to debt service reserve forward delivery agreement; and prescribing other matters relating thereto.**

Final Reading of Bill No. 4720, an ordinance approving the form of and authorizing the execution of a first amendment to debt service reserve forward delivery agreement; and prescribing other matters relating thereto was read by title by City Clerk Westfall. She stated this bill was postponed during the April 14, 2015 meeting in order to finalize the amendment for a higher yielding investment. As a result a substitute bill has been drafted to include the changes to the amendment. This will be introduced as our next item. A staff report was presented by Garrett Anderson. Mayor Best asked for a motion that Bill Number 4724 be considered as a substitute bill and replacement for Bill Number 4720 and that Bill Number 4720 be removed from the agenda. Alderman Todd so moved, seconded by Alderman Parnell. Mayor Best asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Best asked for comments from the Board. No discussion. Voting aye: Booth, Bohinc, Simmons, Parnell, Todd and Davis. Nays: None. Motion carried. City Clerk Westfall stated the record will reflect that Bill Number 4720 has been replaced with Substitute Bill Number 4724.

**SUBSTITUTE BILL NO. 4724**  
**Ord. No. 2015-0049**

**Approving the form of and authorizing the execution of a first amendment to debt service reserve forward delivery agreement; and prescribing other matters relating thereto.**

First Reading of Substitute Bill No. 4724, an ordinance approving the form of and authorizing the execution of a first amendment to debt service reserve forward delivery agreement; and prescribing other matters relating thereto was read by title by City Clerk Westfall and a staff report was presented by Garrett Anderson, Rick McConnell of Gilmore & Bell, James Engel of Kensington Capital Advisors and Kelsie Spurgeon of Columbia Capital. Mayor Best asked for a motion approving Substitute Bill No. 4724. Alderman Davis moved to approve, seconded by Alderman Simmons. Mayor Best asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Best asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Voting aye: Booth, Bohinc, Simmons, Parnell, Todd and Davis. Nays: None. Motion carried. Alderman Bohinc moved to read Substitute Bill No. 4724 for its final reading due to the benefit to the City by leaving in place a higher yielding investment, seconded by Alderman Davis. Mayor Best asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Best asked for comments from the Board. No discussion. Voting aye: Booth, Bohinc, Simmons, Parnell, Todd and Davis. Nays: None. Motion carried. Final Reading of Substitute Bill No. 4724, an ordinance approving the form of and authorizing the execution of a first amendment to debt service reserve forward delivery agreement; and prescribing other matters relating thereto was read by City Clerk Westfall. Mayor Best asked for a motion approving Substitute Bill No. 4724. Alderman Todd moved to approve, seconded by Alderman Parnell. Mayor Best asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Best asked for comments from the Board. No discussion. Voting aye: Booth, Bohinc, Simmons, Parnell, Todd and Davis. Nays: None. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2015-0049 was duly enacted.

**RESOLUTION NO.  
2015-R012**

**Approving a Special Event Permit for the Shepherd of the Hills Super Summer Cruise 2015.**

A Resolution approving a Special Event Permit for the Shepherd of the Hills Super Summer Cruise 2015 was read by title by City Clerk Westfall and a staff report was presented by Joel Hornickel. Mayor Best asked for a motion adopting the resolution. Alderman Simmons moved to adopt, seconded by Alderman Bohinc. Mayor Best asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Best asked for comments from the Board. No discussion. Mayor Best called for a vote on the Resolution. Voting aye: Booth, Bohinc, Simmons, Parnell, Todd and Davis. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2015-R012 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO.  
2015-R013**

**Approving a Preliminary Subdivision Plat for Phase 3 of the Welk Resort Branson Villas within the property located at 1984 State Highway 165, Branson, Missouri.**

A Resolution approving a Preliminary Subdivision Plat for Phase 3 of the Welk Resort Branson Villas within the property located at 1984 State Highway 165, Branson, Missouri, was read by title by City Clerk Westfall and a staff report was presented by Joel Hornickel. Mayor Best asked for a motion adopting the resolution. Alderman Davis moved to adopt, seconded by Alderman Todd. Mayor Best asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Best asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Mayor Best called for a vote on the Resolution. Voting aye: Booth, Bohinc, Simmons, Parnell, Todd and Davis. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2015-R013 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO.  
2015-R014**

**Adopting the Master Plan for the Historic Downtown Streetscape Improvements as the guiding document for improvements to the Downtown area.**

A Resolution adopting the Master Plan for the Historic Downtown Streetscape Improvements as the guiding document for improvements to the Downtown area was read by title by City Clerk Westfall and a staff report was presented by David Miller. Mayor Best asked for a motion adopting the resolution. Alderman Parnell moved to adopt, seconded by Alderman Booth. Mayor Best asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Best asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Mayor Best called for a vote on the Resolution. Voting aye: Booth, Bohinc, Simmons, Parnell, Todd and Davis. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution No. 2015-R014 was adopted.

**Report by Marc Mulherin about the Branson Convention Center First Quarter 2015 Review.**

A Report about the Branson Convention Center First Quarter 2015 Review was provided by Marc Mulherin, SMG's General Manager of the Branson Convention Center. Mayor Best asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Best asked for comments from the Board. Discussion.

**Public Hearing as required for submittal of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application and completion of the Community Needs Assessment.**

Mayor Best stated this is a Public Hearing as required for submittal of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application and completion of the Community Needs Assessment and a staff report was presented by Joel Hornickel. Mayor Best opened the public hearing and asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak in favor of or opposing this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Best closed the public hearing.

**BILL NO. 4735**

**Accepting the proposal of Leo M. Ellebracht Company pertaining to the purchase of firefighter protective clothing.**

First Reading of Bill No. 4735, an ordinance accepting the proposal of Leo M. Ellebracht Company pertaining to the purchase of firefighter protective clothing and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Westfall and a staff report was presented by Ted Martin. Mayor Best asked for a motion approving Bill No. 4735. Alderman Todd moved to approve, seconded by Alderman Davis. Mayor Best asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Best asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Voting aye: Booth, Bohinc, Simmons, Parnell, Todd and Davis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**BILL NO. 4736**

**Approving R-3 Multiple-Family Dwelling District Zoning for the properties located at 175 Meadow Brook, Unit 1 and Garage 5, Branson, Missouri.**

First Reading of Bill No. 4736, an ordinance approving R-3 Multiple-Family Dwelling District Zoning for the properties located at 175 Meadow Brook, Unit 1 and Garage 5, Branson, Missouri, was read by title by City Clerk Westfall and a staff report was presented by Joel Hornickel. Mayor Best asked for a motion approving Bill No. 4736. Alderman Bohinc moved to approve, seconded by Alderman Davis. Mayor Best asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Best asked for comments from the Board. No discussion. Voting aye: Booth, Bohinc, Simmons, Parnell, Todd and Davis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**BILL NO. 4737**

**DEFEATED**

**Approving a zoning change from R-3 Multiple Family Dwelling District to C Commercial District for the property located at 201 North Third Street, Branson, Missouri.**

First Reading of Bill No. 4737, an ordinance approving a zoning change from R-3 Multiple Family Dwelling District to C Commercial District for the property located at 201 North Third Street, Branson, Missouri, was read by title by City Clerk Westfall and a staff report was presented by Joel Hornickel. Mayor Best asked for a motion approving Bill No. 4737. Alderman Bohinc moved to approve, seconded by Alderman Parnell. Mayor Best asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter.

Tim Davis, 487 Sourwood Mountain Drive, Branson, Missouri, introduced himself as the attorney representing the people who wish to develop this property as a business entity and said he would like to present a few photographs to the Board for review to help them recognize the structure being discussed. He stated the 2030 Branson Community plan calls for this property to be zoned as Downtown which is significant in a variety of ways and the property wouldn't meet the requirements of a modern commercial building. Mr. Davis commented the building codes still apply if the property was changed to a business use. The building would have to be updated and improved on the inside to comply with construction codes for commercial businesses. He added, his client is willing to update the inside of the building in order to comply. He said he understands the City has worked hard to preserve the residential nature of the historic parts of Branson, but this building has sat vacant for several years and will not likely be used as a residential property again. Mr. Davis said the two choices for this building is to either have a commercial business or have a vacant building. He asked the Board to consider zoning this structure as Downtown in accordance with what the Community Plan 2030 calls for. He said he realizes the Board made a motion to zone this property Commercial, but he feels this is not the ideal use and suggested the Board make an amendment to zone the property Downtown. Mr. Davis commented to the south and east of the property there are already existing commercial operations and to the north there are vacant buildings that were once used as residences. He added, there hasn't been any opposition from the neighborhood and feels updating the building and turning it into a business would not be detrimental to the area, but it would be helpful.

Mayor Best asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Voting aye: None. Nays: Booth, Bohinc, Simmons, Parnell, Todd and Davis. Motion failed.

**BILL NO. 4738**

**Repealing Ordinance No. 2005-132 and 2005-133 and approving a zoning change from PD Planned Development to C Commercial District for the properties located at 3701 West State Highway 76, Branson, Missouri.**

First Reading of Bill No. 4738, an ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 2005-132 and 2005-133 and approving a zoning change from PD Planned Development to C Commercial District for the properties located at 3701 West State Highway 76, Branson, Missouri was read by title by City Clerk Westfall and a staff report was presented by Joel Hornickel. Mayor Best asked for a motion approving Bill No. 4738. Alderman Parnell moved to approve, seconded by Alderman Bohinc. Mayor Best asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Best asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Voting aye: Booth, Bohinc, Simmons, Parnell, Todd and Davis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**BILL NO. 4739**

**Amending Section 86-623 of the Branson Municipal Code: Schedule III: Restricted or Prohibited Parking.**

First Reading of Bill No. 4739, an ordinance Amending Section 86-623 of the Branson Municipal Code: Schedule III: Restricted or Prohibited Parking was read by title by City Clerk Westfall and a staff report was presented by David Miller. Mayor Best asked for a motion approving Bill No. 4739. Alderman Bohinc moved to approve, seconded by Alderman Parnell. Mayor Best asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Best asked for comments from the Board. Discussion. Voting aye: Booth, Bohinc, Simmons, Parnell, Todd and Davis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**BILL NO. 4740**

**Approving a Utility Construction Request and contract with the Empire District Electric Company pertaining to the 76 Country Boulevard Complete Street Project in the area of Keeter Street.**

First Reading of Bill No. 4740, an ordinance approving a Utility Construction Request and contract with the Empire District Electric Company pertaining to the 76 Country Boulevard Complete Street Project in the area of Keeter Street and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Westfall and a staff report was presented by David Miller. Mayor Best asked for a motion approving Bill No. 4740. Alderman Todd moved to approve, seconded by Alderman Parnell. Mayor Best asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Best asked for comments from the Board. No discussion. Voting aye: Booth, Bohinc, Simmons, Parnell, Todd and Davis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**BILL NO. 4741**

**Approving a Utility Construction Request and contract with the Empire District Electric Company pertaining to the 76 Country Boulevard Complete Street Project in the area of 3030 West Highway 76.**

First Reading of Bill No. 4741, an ordinance approving a Utility Construction Request and contract with the Empire District Electric Company pertaining to the 76 Country Boulevard Complete Street Project in the area of 3030 West Highway 76 and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Westfall and a staff report was presented by David Miller. Mayor Best asked for a motion approving Bill No. 4741. Alderman Bohinc moved to approve, seconded by Alderman Booth. Mayor Best asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing

none, Mayor Best asked for comments from the Board. No discussion. Voting aye: Booth, Bohinc, Simmons, Parnell, Todd and Davis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

## **BILL NO. 4742**

### **Approving Contract Amendment No. 2 to the agreement for professional consultant services between the City of Branson and Rozell Engineering Company for the Twelve Inch Waterline Improvement Project.**

First Reading of Bill No. 4742, an ordinance approving Contract Amendment No. 2 to the agreement for professional consultant services between the City of Branson and Rozell Engineering Company for the Twelve Inch Waterline Improvement Project and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract was read by title by City Clerk Westfall and a staff report was presented by David Miller. Mayor Best asked for a motion approving Bill No. 4742. Alderman Booth moved to approve, seconded by Alderman Bohinc. Mayor Best asked for anyone in the audience wishing to speak regarding this matter. Hearing none, Mayor Best asked for comments from the Board. No discussion. Voting aye: Booth, Bohinc, Simmons, Parnell, Todd and Davis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Best requested the following appointments be made:

Gordon Proctor, Re-appointment to the Branson Housing Authority with a term expiring April 2017.

Mike Booth, Appointment to the M. Graham Clark Downtown Airport Board with a term expiring April 2016.

Patrick Parnell, Appointment as the Chamber of Commerce Representative with a term expiring April 2016.

Bob Simmons, Appointment to the Advisory Park Board with a term expiring April 2016.

Julie Wolfe, Re-appointment to the Advisory Park Board with a term expiring June 2018.

Gabe Miller, Re-appointment to the Advisory Park Board with a term expiring June 2018.

Mica Farley, Re-appointment to the Advisory Park Board with a term expiring June 2018.

Bryan Bronn, Appointment to the Advisory Park Board with a term expiring June 2017.

Garrett Vanderpool, Appointment to the Advisory Park Board with a term expiring June 2020.

Richard Miles, Re-appointment to the Board of Adjustment with a term expiring April 2019.

Bob Keller, Re-appointment to the Board of Adjustment with a term expiring April 2019.

Jane Friggle, Re-appointment as alternate to the Board of Adjustment with a term expiring April 2020.

Allen Johnson, Appointment to the Board of Appeals with a term expiring April 2020.

Larry Hogue, Appointment to the Board of Appeals with a term expiring April 2020.

Scott Beanland, Appointment to the Board of Appeals with a term expiring April 2020.

Gerald Oney, Appointment to the Board of Appeals with a term expiring April 2019.



Cris Bohinc, Appointment to the Budget and Finance Committee with a term expiring April 2016.

Patrick Parnell, Appointment to the Budget and Finance Committee with a term expiring April 2016.

Rod Romine, Appointment to the Budget and Finance Committee with a term expiring April 2016.

Pamela Yancey, Appointment to the Budget and Finance Committee with a term expiring April 2016.

Rick Davis, Appointment to the Capital Improvement Committee with a term expiring April 2016.

Mike Booth, Appointment to the Capital Improvement Committee with a term expiring April 2016.

David Whetstone, Appointment to the Capital Improvement Committee with a term expiring April 2016.

Doug Lay, Appointment to the Capital Improvement Committee with a term expiring April 2016.

Bob Simmons, Appointment to the Human Resources Committee with a term expiring April 2016.

Rick Todd, Appointment to the Human Resources Committee with a term expiring April 2016.

Doug Hayter, Appointment to the Human Resources Committee with a term expiring April 2016.

Kris Jones, Appointment to the Human Resources Committee with a term expiring April 2016.

Rick Davis, Appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission with a term expiring April 2016.

Brenda Romine, Re-appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission with a term expiring April 2019.

Heather Burney, Re-appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission with a term expiring April 2019.

Mike Booth, Appointment to the Taney County Development Partnership with a term expiring April 2016.

Clark Harris, Re-appointment to the Tree Board with a term expiring April 2018.

Kent Olson, Re-appointment to the Tree Board with a term expiring April 2018.

Mike Ray, Appointment as the primary representative to the Tri-Lakes Biosolids Coalition with a term expiring December 2015.

Loretta Bishop, Appointment as the alternate to the Tri-Lakes Biosolids Coalition with a term expiring December 2015.

Mayor Best asked for a motion approving the appointments. Alderman Bohinc moved to approve, seconded by Alderman Parnell. Mayor Best asked for comments. Discussion. Voting aye: Booth, Bohinc, Simmons, Parnell, Todd and Davis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

## **MAYOR/ALDERMEN/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS**

Alderman Simmons mentioned attending an Advisory Park Board meeting and expressed his appreciation to the Board of Aldermen for approving the Park Board appointees. He mentioned there was discussion regarding the Youth Baseball Network National Championship coming to Branson and an update was provided on the Spring soccer program. He reported due to the rain, the program had fallen behind schedule, so they began practicing in the gym and are now almost on schedule. He mentioned the Parks Department has been approved for grant funding for no smoking signs for the parks and feels the signs are impressive and will work well. He mentioned the video surveillance

equipment at the RecPlex is being updated and he thanked IT Director Forster for his efforts on this. Alderman Simmons reported the Spring soccer program has increased participation, the youth baseball and softball coaches are organizing teams, park maintenance is in full gear and the 2015 tournament season has begun. He mentioned the Parks and Recreation Department hosted United States Senator Clair McCaskill at the Branson Community Center and they are working on planning an event called Pioneer Days that will be held at the Lakeside Forest Wilderness Area which has potential of becoming an annual event. Alderman Simmons mentioned attending the Community Resources Fair on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and over 300 people attended. He felt it was a great event and many people took advantage of the health services provided. He commented also in attendance were representatives from the City of Branson Fire and Police Departments, Spanish translators from College of the Ozarks and the Branson High School, over 30 vendors, representatives from White River Valley Electric, Cox Health Branson and Branson Bank. He added, there were several activities for kids and feels the event was a success and believes it could become an annual event. He said the next challenge will be to keep the lines of communication open to this part of the community.

Alderman Davis thanked the Parks and Recreation and Public Works Departments for planting several sycamore trees and he appreciates their efforts. He mentioned trail building season will soon be here and he hopes the City can meet its trail goals this year with assistance from City Staff. He expressed his appreciation for the Planning and Zoning Commission and the members who have served and are willing to serve again on the commission and he thanked City Staff for reaching out to the members to see if they would like to continue to serve. He announced there will be a public reception honoring former Mayor Presley on May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Branson Convention Center.

Alderman Bohinc thanked City Staff for a job well done on the City's Spring Cleanup. She mentioned speaking to a business owner regarding non-smoking signage for businesses and inquired if there would be a press release regarding this topic in order to help business owners acquire signage. She asked Public Works Director and City Engineer Miller if the retaining wall on Main Street that is leaning is the responsibility of the City or MoDOT and requested the issue be looked into. Alderman Bohinc announced there will be a Downtown Streetscape Phase II public information meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Alderman Todd mentioned there will be an update on the Highway 76 Complete Street Project at the next Study Session regarding preliminary designs, the gateway to Highway 76, financing and grants. He mentioned he continues to attend Highway 76 meetings and the project is moving along.

Alderman Booth announced there will be a training seminar on June 6<sup>th</sup> for elected officials in Kansas City. He complimented the Parks and Recreation Department for its clean public restrooms at the campground.

Alderman Parnell stated he attended the Community Resources Fair and he thanked the University of Missouri Extension for funding the event. He stated there will be a meeting next week to see what could be improved upon and he feels it could become an annual event. He mentioned attending a Lucia Ridge Neighborhood task force meeting which was originally formed in response to citizen safety concerns regarding the Church Army organization, now known as C.O.R.E. He feels since the task force's inception, there has been drastic improvement and cooperation from the organization and most of the safety concerns have been addressed. Alderman Parnell commented there is really a sense of dedication on behalf of C.O.R.E. to make the neighborhood better and to be a good neighbor.

Administrator Malinen reminded everyone Pasghetti's Restaurant grand opening is May 4<sup>th</sup>, which is significant because it is the first real integration of the Spirit of Highway 76 Project landscaping and master planning design elements. He invited everyone to attend the City's Open House on May 5<sup>th</sup> and said it is an opportunity to engage with the community. He mentioned volunteering for the Legends of Golf Tournament and believes the tournament was a fantastic exposure opportunity for Branson and the Ozarks. Administrator Malinen said he attended the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at College of the Ozarks and felt it was very inspiring and a great addition to this area. He reported sales tax revenues are up over 9% and tourism tax is up over 16% year-to-date.

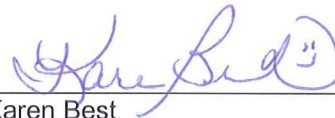
Mayor Best said she attended the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the Bass Pro Legends of Golf Tournament where she had the opportunity to do an interview on Ozarks Live regarding the tournament's impact on Branson. She said she learned many of the golfers were lodging in Branson. Mayor Best stated she suggested integrating theaters into the tournament next year and she felt the idea was well received. She mentioned she welcomed veterans groups to town, spoke to the Branson School Board and the Divas Half Marathon and 5K Series. Mayor Best commented she attended the Steak and Steak Dinner and Charity Auction in Springfield, Missouri where Brett Favre was the guest speaker. She added, she is requesting a copy of the video footage from this event as Mr. Favre mentioned Branson in his opening comments. Mayor Best reported she met with City Department Heads in order to get to know them better.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Best asked for a motion to adjourn into a closed Executive Session. Alderman Davis moved to go into Closed Executive Session pursuant to 610.021.1 RSMo for litigation and 610.021.3 RSMo for personnel, seconded by Alderman Bohinc. Voting aye: Booth, Bohinc, Simmons, Parnell, Todd and Davis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

## ADJOURN

Mayor Best asked for a motion to adjourn. Alderman Booth moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Bohinc. Voting aye: Booth, Bohinc, Simmons, Parnell, Todd and Davis. Nays: None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:11 p.m.



Karen Best  
Mayor



Lisa Westfall  
City Clerk